(b) whether Government have decided to terminate such officials from service;

(c) how many such corrupt officials were suspended or terminated till January, 2005; and

(d) the details thereof, department-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCESAND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Disciplinary proceedings against public servants charged with corruption and investigated by CBI are considered by the concerned Disciplinary Authorities of the various departments/organizations.

(b) The decision to terminate such public servants is taken by the competent authority on the basis of the findings of the disciplinary proceedings.

(c) and (d) The data relating to officials charged with corruption who are suspended or whose services are terminated is not centrally maintained.

Settling of unskilled workers in United Kingdom

*227. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that unskilled settlers from developing countries will now not be permitted to stay in United Kingdom;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the Indian unskilled workers will also be affected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. All non-EU citizens, including Indian citizens, in lower skilled categories will be affected once the 5-year strategy for immigration and asylum system titled "Controlling our borders: making migration work for Britain", meant to enforce strict controls to root out abuse and illegal immigration; strengthen the UK's borders; and increase removals, is implemented by the British Government. The details of the new visa rules of the British Government are given in the Statement.

Statement

New visa rules of the British Government

Key measures in the strategy include introduction of a points system for selection of those wanting to enter UK for work or study. Points will be allocated according to qualifications, work experience, income and other relevant factors like local availability of UK or EU workforce. There will be no automatic right to stay in the UK for lower skilled workers. They will have to leave when their visas expire.

2. Four tiers — highly skilled, skilled, low skilled and student/ specialist — have been created, as follows:

"Tier 1 (Highly Skilled): The most highly skilled—including doctors, engineers, finance experts and IT specialists — will be able to come to the UK without a job offer. This will be on the basis of their qualifications from graduate level upward, work experience and current salary, with additional points for those with skills, the UK needs the most. This will ensure that highly skilled individuals can enter the UK to look for woFk or self-employment opportunities. Investors and entrepreneurs will continue to be welcome to the UK and will score enough points on the basis of the level of their investment or the jobs they create".

'Tier 2 (Skilled): Others, with skills at NVQ level 3 (A-level equivalent) and above, will be able to come if they have a job offer in a shortage area, and where an employer cannot find the skills they require within the UK or EU. This will ensure that UK employers have access to the skills and experience they need. Tier 2 workers would include nurses, teachers and administrators."

"Tier 3 (Low Skilled): In the light of the additional labour now available from the new EU cduntires, *the UK* will phase out over time current quota based schemes in the agricultural, food processing and hospitality sectors. *The UK* will take this forward *during* a *review of* the sectors concerned. Where additional needs are identified in future, *the UK* will introduce small tightly managed quota based schemes for specific shortage areas and for fixed periods only, with guarantees that migrants will leave at the end their stay."

"Tier 4 (Students and Specialists): This tier will bring together students and a range of schemes where there is no significant issue of

competition with the domestic labour force, including visiting workers representing overseas Governments or international companies based in the UK. Skilled workers in these categories can choose to come in Tiers 1 or 2 if they wish to make the UK their home. *The UK* will retain the Working Holidaymaker scheme for young Commonwealth nationals but tighten the criteria."

Foreign Direct Investments from NRIs

*228. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for liberalising Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) to facilitate higher inflow of FDI from NRIs and PIOs in group housing, real estate development, agriculture and plantation; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Employment through SSIs in Tamil Nadu

*229. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a decline in employment generated through small scale industries in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the number of people employed through SSIs in Tamil Nadu during the last five years;

(c) whether Government are implementing any scheme for generation of employment through SSIs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As reported by the Government of Tamil Nadu, the number of